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the specification of which is attached hereto and/or was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on _____ as U.S. Application No. _____.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment identified above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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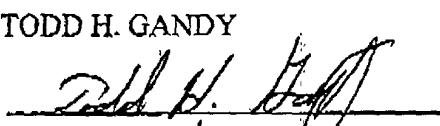
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